

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of conducting a mock trial via a computer network comprising the steps of:

developing case information for presentation to a selected group of virtual
5 triers of fact;

storing the case information in a computer database;

setting up a virtual jury room for establishing communications between the
virtual triers of fact;

setting up a virtual observation room supporting observations of selected
10 communications in the virtual jury room between the virtual triers of fact;

selecting the group of virtual triers of fact;

selectively presenting the case information in the computer database to each
of the virtual triers of fact via the computer network;

establishing communications between the group of triers of fact using the
15 virtual jury room; and

observing selected communications between the triers of fact in the virtual
observation room.